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Thanks.

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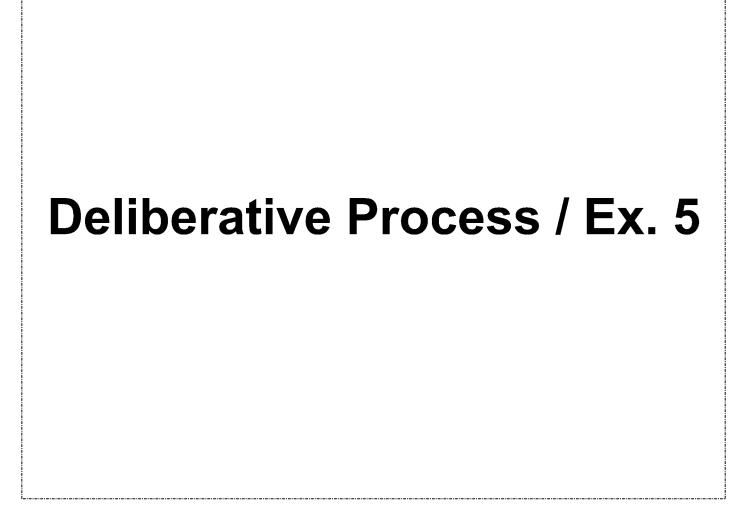
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Request:

I am looking to build a complete, nuanced picture of how PFAS is understood in the international scientific community. Here are my questions

- 1. How would you describe the link (if any) between PFAS and human health risks/disease?
- 2. What are EPA recommendations around the continued use of PFAS chemicals in firefighting foam (for example at airports)
- 3. How are the Australian guidelines different to those of the US EPA and are the Australian guidelines comprehensive enough and considered sufficient by the international scientific community? (http://www.health.gov.au/internet/main/publishing.nsf/Content/2200FE086D480353CA2580C900817CDC/\$Fi le/fs-Health-Based-Guidance-

<u>Values.pdf</u> and <u>http://www.health.gov.au/internet/main/publishing.nsf/Content/2200FE086D480353CA2580C900817CDC/\$File/Consoldiated-report-perflourianted-chemicals-food.pdf</u>

4. The Australian Department of Health states "There is currently no consistent evidence that exposure to PFOS and PFOA causes adverse human health effects."

 $(\underline{http://www.health.gov.au/internet/main/publishing.nsf/content/A12B57E41EC9F326CA257BF0001F9E7D/\$F)} \\$ ile/PFAS-guidance-statement-15June2016.pdf) However this appears to be a slightly different to what the EPA has found in its research. What is your view on that?